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Chairman: Mr. Enkhsaikhan (Mongolia)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.20 p.m.

Election of officers

1. *Ms. Flores Liera (Mexico) was elected Vice-Chairman by acclamation.*

Organization of work (A/C.6/53/L.1)

2. **The Chairman** said that, as a result of the economy measures adopted by the General Assembly, the Sixth Committee would hold an average of seven meetings per week, which would be allocated in accordance with the requirements of the Main Committees and the subcommittees, as well as with the availability of services. The Committee must consequently organize its work efficiently and in that regard would rely on the cooperation of all members.

3. After explaining in detail the proposed timetable for the consideration of items referred to the Committee and the relevant documentation, he said that the timetable was flexible and could be amended in the light of progress made in the Committee's work. He would take it that the members of the Committee wished to adopt the programme of work contained in document A/C.6/53/L.1.

4. *It was so decided.*

5. **The Chairman**, referring to agenda item 155 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism), recalled that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 52/165, the Sixth Committee should establish a working group to continue the work of the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210. He would take it that the Committee wished to elect Mr. Kirsch (Canada) as Chairman of the working group. He furthermore suggested that both the working group and the Ad Hoc Committee should be open to all States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

6. *It was so decided.*

7. **The Chairman**, referring to agenda item 149 (United Nations Decade of International Law), recalled that the General Assembly, in resolution 52/153, had requested the Working Group of the Sixth Committee to continue its work at the fifty-third session in accordance with its mandate and methods of work. He would take it that the Committee wished to elect Ms. Flores Liera (Mexico) as Chairman of the Working Group.

8. *It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 3.40 p.m.